

FROM THE MGS TRANSFORMATION TEAM



At Matrix Global Schools we pride ourselves in sending students out of the classroom. We understand the value of experiences and giving students the opportunity to move out of their comfort zone into the unknown. This mission was not only accomplished during our recent school field trips within Negeri Sembilan, but also on an international scale when 20 students and 3 teachers attended the 7th International Culture, Education & Arts Festival at Hengshui City from 10 to 20 June 2019.

The venue for the festival was Hengshui High School, a semi-military school that requires its more than 10,000 students to obey a strict set of rules and regulations. They study for close to 15 hours a day, often seven days a week, and have half the time for lunch than what students enjoy at MGS. This work ethic clearly bears fruit, considering that Hengshui High School boasts the highest number of students being offered placements at high ranking universities in mainland China, as well as universities in the United Kingdom, for example Oxford University. Letting our students see this way of schooling allowed them to reflect on their own studies, draw a comparison, and reimagine their own academic goals. We want our students to pursue excellence, but instead of just dreaming, show them what it takes to achieve it.

We are very proud that MGS students won the forum on 'Why your country should host the Cultural Exchange in 2020?'. We would be even more happy to know that they are enriched by their experience in China and filled with the same motivation to excel that they've witnessed in Hengshui High School.

SPM Preparation: Bahasa Melayu Seminar

On 25 July, a 4-hour seminar to train students on the answering techniques for SPM Bahasa Melayu Paper 1 and Paper 2 was conducted for all Form 5 students.

The school invited En.Nasir bin Ibrahim, who is a Chief Examiner for SPM Bahasa Melayu subject, to give talks to the SPM candidates. Among En.Nasir's major contribution to the academic teaching of Bahasa Melayu subject was to introduce the 'IMBaKUP technique' which has been proven to assist students' thinking strategy when doing composition tasks.

It was reassuring to see the students actively participating in the seminar with their probing questions to the speaker and by taking part in the quizzes given. The school is working towards bringing more such seminars to benefit students especially in preparing them for major examinations.



MGS CULTURAL VISIT TO HENGSHUI, CHINA



Raising the MGS flag at famous world historical sites, the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City.

On 10 to 20 July, 20 Matrix Global Schools students accompanied by 3 teachers proudly represented the school and country in the 7th International Culture, Education & Arts Festival at Hengshui, Hebei, China. During the festival, our students performed the 'Dikir Barat' entitled 'Wau Bulan' to a full auditorium. They were able to captivate the hearts of many during the performance and planted the tune of the performance in the minds of others throughout the trip.

The MGS team also participated in an impromptu forum against the other countries and managed to win the best presentation award led by two speakers, Harin Ravandran (Form 4) and Shazana Alina Sorfina (Form 2). The students were hailed for their passionate speech to convince the judges why the forum should be organised in Malaysia instead of in China.

In addition to the festival, the students had the opportunity to visit a number of historical places such as the Great Wall of China, Forbidden City, a Confucius Academy and the Hebei Museum for various cultural experiences.

They were also able to experience the learning culture in China by visiting different schools in Hengshui. Ee He Xun (Year 8) had this to say about the visit to Hengshui High School: "It was fascinating... Their teaching style was unique and it was a totally different experience from learning in Malaysia. We also had a glance at their sports complex: It was crowded with talented and hardworking students who put all their effort into obtaining fame and glory for their school and country. They even achieved entry into the Olympics and fully utilised their time in order to apply their skills and effort to obtain the gold medal in the Olympics."

The students made many new friends from the 9 other participating countries. It was an eye-opening experience for everyone filled with bonding and sharing of stories.



Introducing Malaysian culture by performing the 'Dikir Barat'.



Trying their hands on the Dragon Dance and the Chinese Opera.



Experiencing a live lesson in Hengshui High School.

MGS INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



The school was filled with cheer and laughter on 15 July when the students celebrated International Day. Lower Secondary students worked alongside their form tutors to present booths from 13 different countries to fellow schoolmates.

Each 'country' was trying to outdo the other; Thailand with their green tea and Thai massage, Wales with their rugby throwing game (straight into Mr. John's mouth!), Indonesia with their batik cake, England with their cosy Harry Potter marathon tent and English tea shop and Poland with their energetic Polish song. It created a festive atmosphere where the students not only learned the culture of other countries but learned to work together as a team as well.

Although some of the countries are the same as what we had in last year's International Day, they came up with new activities from those countries so it is still a new experience for us. I am more excited to visit the booths of 'new countries' like Switzerland, Poland and Norway since I do not know much about them. MIS Key Stage 4 students were busy with examinations, so we could not help in organising the event this time. Hopefully next year's timing will suit all students so all can take on the task to man the booth instead of simply coming as visitors.

- Aaron Arvind Dass, Year 10



This is my first year in MGS and I love the International Day! It is great fun to come together as a class to plan and run the activities. It made me learn more about the country that we're in charge of and we realised that we're not so different after all.

- Susaan Thanabalan, Form 1



Best Dressed - THAILAND



Most Creative - ENGLAND



Best Booth - INDIA



30-HOUR FAMINE CAMP ORGANISED BY MGS ALUMNI



According to the report published by UNICEF entitled 'The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2018', the number of hungry people in the world is growing, reaching 821 million in 2017, or one in every nine people.

World Vision Malaysia's 30-Hour Famine is a global youth movement against hunger and poverty. Participants raise money for those in need by getting sponsored to give up solid food for 30 hours. Today, World Vision Malaysia supports community development and humanitarian programmes in 15 countries with the help of nearly 50,000 Malaysians.

On 20 - 21 July, I was given the opportunity to organise a DIY camp to make a united stand against hunger and poverty. Starting from zero is hard, because I have never held any similar events before this. However, I took up the challenge to become the camp leader and conducted a DIY camp for 30-Hour Famine. I chose MGS as the venue mainly because the campus has the best environment for any camp as it has a lot of facilities. Besides, I was also a student in MPS who graduated last year in 2018 and I am currently a JPA scholar, studying A-Levels at Sunway

College. MGS has prepared me well in every possible aspect such as presenting my ideas in front of the class, leading students to organise school events, becoming an emcee to give speeches and more in order to survive and deal with the outside world. With all the skills that I've acquired, I thought it would be a good chance to apply them all on the DIY camp, and also to raise awareness about childhood hunger.

It was a very successful camp, participated by 2 MGS alumni, 7 current students and 11 others. We spent 1.5 days in the school campus, sleeping overnight in the classrooms. We felt safe and well supported by the school Security and Facility members. Although we faced a lot of challenges regarding sponsorship and the recruitment of campers, we managed to overcome them. I believe that we will do better in the next camp as we already have some experience. Lastly, I hope to encourage more of the younger generation to participate and put love into action and make the world a better place. ♥

Kho Huey Wei
MGS alumna
SPM 2018 10As achiever



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